



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ARAM, et al.

Art Unit: 3733

Appl. No.: 10/765,950

Examiner: HOFFMAN

Filed: January 29, 2004

Attorney Dkt.: 4004.001

Title: SURGICAL INSTRUMENT AND RELATED METHODS

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 14, 2006

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADD'L FEE	OR	RATE	ADD'L FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	29 MINUS	23	= 6	x 25	\$ 150		x 50	\$ 0
INDEP CLAIMS	3 MINUS	3	= 0	x 100	\$ 0		x 200	\$ 0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+180	\$ 0	OR	+360	\$ 0
					\$ 150			\$ 0

- ☒ Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0548 in the amount of \$150.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0548.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Schrot  
Registration No. 48,447

BERENATO, WHITE & STAVISH  
6550 Rock Spring Drive  
Suite 240  
Bethesda, Maryland 20817  
Telephone: (301) 896-0600  
Facsimile: (301) 896-0607



PATENT  
Docket No. 4004.001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ARAM, et al.

Entitled: "SURGICAL INSTRUMENT AND  
RELATED METHODS"

Serial No. 10/765,950

Filed: January 29, 2004

Group Art Unit: 3733

Examiner: Hoffman, Mary C.

**Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

July 14, 2006

### AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Please consider the following remarks in response to the Office Action of April

14, 2006, and amend the application as follows:

07/17/2006 MGE BREM1 00000031 500548 10765950

01 FC:2202 150.00 DA